

## **DRAFT: CREATION OF A BALANCED BUDGET REQUIREMENT**

### **Article VII**

#### **Section #####**

The operations of the City shall be such that, at the end of the fiscal year, the results thereof shall not show a deficit when reported in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The City Manager shall take all actions necessary in accordance with the provisions of the charter to ensure that the City is in compliance with this Section.

*Additional Language that could be in Charter or Muni Code*

In the even that the results of the City's operations during the preceding fiscal year have not comported with Charter Section ###, the City Manager shall present to the City Council a financial plan that includes provision for the repayment of any deficit incurred by the City during the preceding fiscal year.

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The City Manager shall prepare a preliminary Capital Budget which shall consist of a financial plan detailing estimates of capital expenditures for the fiscal year. This plan shall include cash flow estimates and proposed sources of funding for each project included. The City Manager shall prepare a capital program status report which sets forth the appropriation for each project included in the capital budget for the current fiscal year together with the expenditures to date.